

THESE BOYS ARE MEN, BUT OF A SMALLER GROWTH.

Nassau Trolley Road Employs Lads in Place of Men to Turn Switches.

They Do the Work for Half What Their Elders, Whom They Displace, Received.

YOUNG HAFELFINGER'S ARREST.

He is Only Fourteen Years Old and is on Duty at a Very Dangerous Crossing—Children's Society Will Look into the Matter.

John Hafelfinger, the fourteen-year-old boy who was arrested in Brooklyn on Wednesday upon the complaint of a citizen, and ultimately discharged by Justice Walsh, resumed his duties yesterday of turning switches at the corner of Flatbush and Fifth avenues, for the Nassau Electric Railroad Company, in whose employ he is.

He was found at his post yesterday attending two switches at the above corner, which is a very busy point. Cars from Atlantic avenue turn into Fifth avenue, and then again into Flatbush avenue, while other cars of the Atlantic avenue line continue on Fifth avenue. There are also cars on Flatbush avenue which cross Fifth avenue at this intersection. As three lines of cars are going in opposite directions at intervals of one and two minutes, the work of turning the switches is therefore attended with much danger.

In order that there shall be as little delay as possible in attending the switching

Young Tom Kinnery, Who Saved Singer, Is the Hero of Many Rescues.

Neighbors Know Him as a Youth Who Has Often Braved Death.

SWIMMING IS HIS STRONG POINT.

Several Mothers Are Indebted to Him for the Lives of Their Children, Who but for Him Would Have Drowned.

When fourteen-year-old Thomas Kinnery saved the life of Jacob Singer Wednesday afternoon, by thrice preventing the youth from throwing himself under car wheels, he added to an already enviable reputation as a life saver. He had on different occasions rescued four or five boys from the river, who had ventured too far when swimming.

Everybody knows Tom, who lives near his home at No. 24 Christopher street, and the people all say that he will some day distinguish himself in a much greater way than saving the lives of would-be suicides.

"I don't know whether to be glad or sorry," said Mrs. Kinnery, when she heard of her boy's last adventure. "He is always doing something reckless. I've had to hear enough about his doings to make a mother worry herself gray-headed. But I've got sort of used to it, and it's more of a surprise to me to have the paper's call him a hero than to hear what he did."



JOHN HAFELFINGER.

The boy who turned the railroad switches.



THOMAS KINNERY.

The boy who prevented his companion from committing suicide.

of the cars, the boy has to run from one switch to another, a distance of probably fifty feet, and in doing so is obliged to run in and out between the cars. As a shopkeeper near the corner said yesterday, he expects at any time to see the boy killed, as he has already met with several narrow escapes. The business people in the neighborhood consider it an outrage that the work should be entrusted to the hands of a boy.

Young Hafelfinger has been turning switches for the company since last July, and until a short time ago he was attending the switch at the corner of Bergen and Rogers avenues. He is a protégé of President Johnson, of the Nassau line. He lives with his mother and four sisters, one of whom counts tickets in the office of the Nassau company, in the house with Mrs. Albert Johnson, a widow, and the mother of President Johnson. The Johnson residence is at Fort Hamilton.

The boy says he likes his work, receiving seventy-five cents a day for his services and working seven days a week. His hours are from 5 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when he is relieved by another boy. In order to reach the corner on time, he gets out of bed before 4 o'clock every morning. The lad is a healthy looking little fellow, well built and extremely bright, and does his work without any fear of the danger which surrounds him.

Since the company changed its management about three months ago, all of the men switchmen have been discharged and boys put in their places. The men were receiving from \$1.25 to \$1.50 a day each, so it is obvious why the company considers the work of boys as useful as that of the men.

As young Hafelfinger will not be fifteen years old until next January, the railroad company, by employing him, is therefore doing so contrary to law. According to sub-division No. 2 of section 280, of the Penal Code, any person who causes or permits a child, actually or apparently, under the age of sixteen to be placed in any occupation or situation in which his life or limb is endangered, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

President Albert Johnson, of the Nassau Company, was seen, and he said: "The work should be done by boys. It is boys' work. Any boy of ordinary intelligence can turn a switch. All the motor-men are instructed by the company to stop at all crossings where there is a switch to be turned. We only employ boys where there are two switches. When there are only one switch to be turned, the motor-man of each car is obliged to turn it himself."

The matter has already been brought to the attention of Superintendent Wilkins, of the Brooklyn Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and if upon investigation he finds that boy's life is jeopardized in any way, he may consider it necessary to interfere in the employment of boys for this special kind of work.

Hours and Wages Reduced.
Ticket agents on the Brooklyn elevated railroad are complaining because, in reducing their hours of labor from twelve to ten hours, the company has also reduced their wages by \$1.75 a week. Hereafter there will be no agents on duty between 1 and 5 a. m.

Death of Sir Robert Fitz Roy.
London, May 7.—Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Fitz Roy, K. C. B., died to-day.



Min Yang Huan, a Noble Korean, and His Suite.

He is a cousin of the late Queen and is on his way to the coronation of the Czar. The party arrived at the West Wednesday night, and are awaiting the sailing of the Lucania at the Waldorf.

JILTED, HE TOOK REVENGE

Shot the Woman He Loved and Her Intended, and Then Committed Suicide.

Williamsport, Ind., May 7.—A pretty girl was the cause of a tragedy here to-day. Charles Harrison, a prosperous young farmer, and Harry Smith, a society favorite, both loved Ida Welch, the daughter of a wealthy land owner. The girl had permitted both to pay her court, but jilted Harrison, and became engaged to Smith. Harrison was supposed to have taken his

dismissal philosophically, as he displayed no signs of ill feeling toward the girl or her chosen sweetheart.

This morning he saw Smith pass the house and go in the direction of the Welch home. Harrison followed, and was admitted by a younger sister of the much loved girl. Without making any inquiries, Harrison walked into the sitting room, where he found Smith and his sweetheart in conversation. Without a word, Harrison fired several shots at the lovers, hitting Smith in the right breast, and Miss Welch in the arm and stomach. Both fell to the floor, and, thinking his shots fatal, Harrison placed the weapon to his own head and fired, death being almost instantaneous. Smith and Miss Welch are thought to be fatally injured.

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A RUBINSTEIN FESTIVAL.

Being Arranged by the Russian Consul General, to Be Held Here Week After Next.

A Rubinstein festival is to be held in this city on May 20. It will serve the double purpose of honoring the memory of the great musician and furnishing through the receipts a contribution to the first from America to the fund established by Rubinstein in St. Petersburg for the encouragement of rising musicians of all nationalities.

When Rubinstein died it was found by the provisions of his will that he had set aside 100,000 rubles to start a fund for the distribution of prizes to the winners of international musical contests, to be held every four years. It was stated in the will that he expected the public to add to and maintain this fund. His idea was to accomplish through it the development of artists who, without encouragement, would probably remain in obscurity.

Many American musicians have been anxious to show their appreciation of this fund, and now the Consul-General of Russia, Alexander Olarovsky, has been asked by the musical societies of New York, and has consented, to act as the executive head of the proposed festival. Chauncey M. Depew will deliver an oration on the occasion. It is also expected that Sir Henry Irving will make an address.

Mr. James F. Cuddy, of Brooklyn, is assisting the Russian Consul-General in arranging the details, and all the artists who have been approached have cheerfully volunteered their services. Such artists as Franz Katherin, Louis Knapke, Miss Sapio and Abramoff have said that it would be a pleasure for them to take part in the festival. Consul-General Olarovsky has received a letter from Mme. Nordica expressing the deepest regret that a European tour will prevent her from taking part. She said she had wanted to aid in America's first Rubinstein festival, the proceeds of which were to go to such a commendable purpose. The rehearsals of an orchestra of seventy-three pieces, which is to accompany the artists, have already commenced. The orchestra will be conducted by Professor P. G. Brounoff, a former pupil of Rubinstein, and president of the Rubinstein Club.

Cardinal Gallimberti Dead.
Berlin, May 7.—Cardinal Luigi Gallimberti, titular Archbishop of Nice and formerly Papal Nuncio at Vienna, died at Suchtein, near Düsseldorf, to-day, of throat trouble. He was born in Rome in 1833 and was created a Cardinal in 1889.

Cardinal Gallimberti was educated in Rome and was nominated Canon of St. John Lateran in 1868, becoming domestic chaplain of the Pope. He played a leading part in several important negotiations between the Vatican and foreign powers. He bore the congratulations of the Pope to Emperor William in 1887 on the occasion of the latter's birthday, and was also in the same year Papal Legate to Austria.

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BABIES OWN THE TOWN.

Mayfield Is So Proud of the Quintet That Its Citizens Are Taking Care of Them.

Mayfield, Ky., May 7.—Oscar Lyon, whose wife recently presented him at one birth with five bouncing boys, is the lion of Mayfield. The citizens have become very much interested in the youngsters and have taken steps to see that the babies shall want for nothing.

The father, who is poor, is having a large addition built to his house, at the expense of his fellow-townsmen, while their wives are sending in clothing, provisions, bedding and money. The interest is not confined to the town of Mayfield, as people from neighboring towns are coming in on every train to see the little ones.

An express train, which ordinarily does not stop here, pulled up at the station and everybody on the train, including the engineer got out and visited the quintet, leaving substantial reminders of their visit.

A Pleasant Surprise.
Visitors to the Proper Food Exhibition, 343 Broadway, were treated Wednesday to a surprise in the line of tempting dishes of Shredded Wheat Strawberry Short Cake. It was served free to all. Yesterday Asparagus on Shredded Wheat Toast was served, and to-day Shredded Wheat Apple Fudding is on the menu.